

Cabernet Sauvignon
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ROBERT CRAIG WINERY

2015 AFFINITY ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

ABOUT THIS WINE The 2015 Affinity is a 100% estate grown, single vineyard selection from our La Londe Vineyard. Our primary mission at Robert Craig Winery is to produce wines that feature pure site expression. While the soul of Affinity has always come from La Londe Vineyard, now, each vintage, we seek to capture the essential, focused identity of this extraordinary site.

VINEYARD Just south of Stag's Leap, nestled in the Mt. George Foothills on the eastern side of the Napa Valley, our La Londe estate vineyard has produced exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon for our portfolio since Bob Craig purchased the property back in 1993. As a hillside, cane-pruned site that bears just 2.8 tons per acre, the 30-year-old vines allow a rare display of the volcanic, stony soils in the finished wines. Grapes are small, deeply black flavored, and undeniably racy with a big backbone of acidity. Despite an inherent suppleness, the 2015 Affinity Cabernet will cellar easily for decades to come.

VINTAGE After three abundant, mild harvests in a row, the 2015 kicked off with unseasonably warm temperatures, resulting in early budbreak and bloom. Colder temperatures in May (the peak of bloom) caused some uneven fruit set which ultimately resulted in a smaller crop compared to previous years. Harvest was one of the earliest on record on the valley floor. The ongoing drought continued to be a concern, though Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall.

As with our other 2015 Cabernets, Affinity is startling for its sheer size and weight. The older vines deliver classic black raspberry, licorice, espresso bean and crushed stones in the nose and on the palate. The tiny yields are responsible for the intensity of the color and structure this year. The Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec help to give the Cabernet Sauvignon a lovely plushness and roundness in the middle. This beautiful wine should show well upon release, but a year or two (or a decade) of cellar time will help the wine show its best.

BLEND: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec, 3% Petite Verdot

HARVEST DATES: September 14 - October 16, 2015

AVERAGE SUGAR: 26.1° Brix | **TA:** 6.6g/L | **PH:** 3.63 | **ALCOHOL:** 15.15%

BARREL AGING: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak; 60% new & 40% 2nd year. Unfiltered and unfined.

BOTTLING DATE: April 25-26, 2017

CASES PRODUCED: 2900 | **PRICE:** CA SRP \$70.00

